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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 414

Chairperson: Mike Friend
Committee: Urban Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 8, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

In 2003, the Legislature passed LB 790, the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, which brought natural gas sales and service under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, but only for the three investor-owned natural gas distribution companies which operate in Nebraska.

There are currently 15 municipally-owned natural gas systems in Nebraska, and none of them are subject to the same regulation of level of service, disconnect policies, customer protection and safety that the customers of the private companies enjoy.

If we are to have state regulation of natural gas service, all providers should be subjected to the same oversight, consumer protection, and conflict resolution. LB 414 would provide this inclusion.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Jeanne Combs